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SUBJ: SECONDARY SCHOOL STRIKE

1. MOST SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN LISBON AND OPORTO HAVE BEEN CLOSED FOR PAST WEEK BY STUDENT STRIKE PRECIPITATED BY MINISTER OF EDUCATION DECREE RAISING SCHOLASTIC REQUIREMENTS. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS ISSUED RESOLUTION STATING THAT MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO ENSURE FUNCTIONING OF SCHOOLS.

2. STRIKE HAS POLITICAL CONTEXT ALTHOUGH BACKGROUND IS CONVOLUTED AND COMPLEX. STRIKE TERMED REACTIONARY BY COMMUNIST PARTY, AND LEFT SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (MES), AND IS CRITICIZED BY SOCIALISTS. CLEAREST STATEMENT IN EXPLANATION OF STRIKE COMES FROM PPD

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SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC YOUTH (JUVENTUDE SOCIAL DEMOCRATICA-JSD)

WHICH LAMENTS RAISING OF ACADEMIC STANDARDS WHEN SCHOOL YEAR HALF COMPLETED.

3. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE RECEIVING CRITICISM FROM ALL SIDES BUT FOR DIFFERING REASONS: FROM JSD FOR LACK OF PLANNING; FROM MES FOR "REACTIONARY" ROLE; AND IMPLICITLY FROM PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR WASTE FOR BUDGETED FUNDS.

4. COMMENT: STRIKE HAS SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT FEATURES. IT HAS INTERRUPTED CLASSES MAKING IT DOUBTFUL WHETHER MANY STUDENTS WILL OBTAIN CREDIT FOR SCHOOL YEAR. IT IS SUFFICIENTLY EFFECTIVE, IN SPITE OF OPPOSITION FROM THE POLITICAL LEFT, TO REQUIRE THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. FINALLY, THERE IS AN APPARENT INVERSION OF POLITICAL ROLES, WITH THE CENTER-LEFT PPD AND ALLIED GROUPS IN THE STRIKING ROLES AND THE MORE LEFTIST PARTIES IN FAVOR OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STRICTER ECONOMIC STANDARDS.

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